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PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE A TOP PRIORITY, SAYS PCMA

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA — The Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA) commends the leadership of Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas (R-CA) and Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman “Billy” Tauzin (R-LA) for taking steps to address the challenges facing nearly one-third of our nation’s seniors who lack access to affordable prescription drugs. Thomas and Tauzin have drafted legislation that would provide drug coverage to all seniors.

Legislation that relies on proven pharmaceutical benefit management (PBM) tools is essential in making sure seniors have access to high quality, cost effective pharmaceutical care. As the trade association representing companies that provide high quality, cost-effective pharmaceutical benefits to more than 170 million Americans, PCMA believes prescription drug coverage is essential for ensuring quality health care for seniors.

“We are working with plan sponsors to draft meaningful legislation to achieve mutual goals,” said PCMA President LaVarne Burton. “Ensuring that seniors have access to the same quality pharmaceutical care currently offered in the private sector is an important issue for all Americans.”

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